

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005.

**35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections**

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Howard et al. (U.S. Application Publication 2004/0232524 A1). However, the Office Action states that claim 1 would be allowable if the claim included that which is claimed in claim 3, for example. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include that which is claimed in claim 3 while claim 3 is canceled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits the rejection is overcome.

**35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections**

Claims 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard. Claim 8 is currently amended to recite that the trench is scribed, which is a limitation stated in the Office Action that would deem claim 1 allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is now allowable to the extent claim 1 is presently allowable.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard in view of US 5,414,297 (Morita, et al.). However, the Office Action states that claim 14 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claim 13 is presently amended to include that which is claimed in claim 14 while claim 14 is canceled. Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejection of claim 13 is overcome.

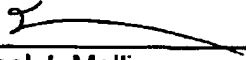
Accordingly, it is respectfully asserted by Applicant that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are additional fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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